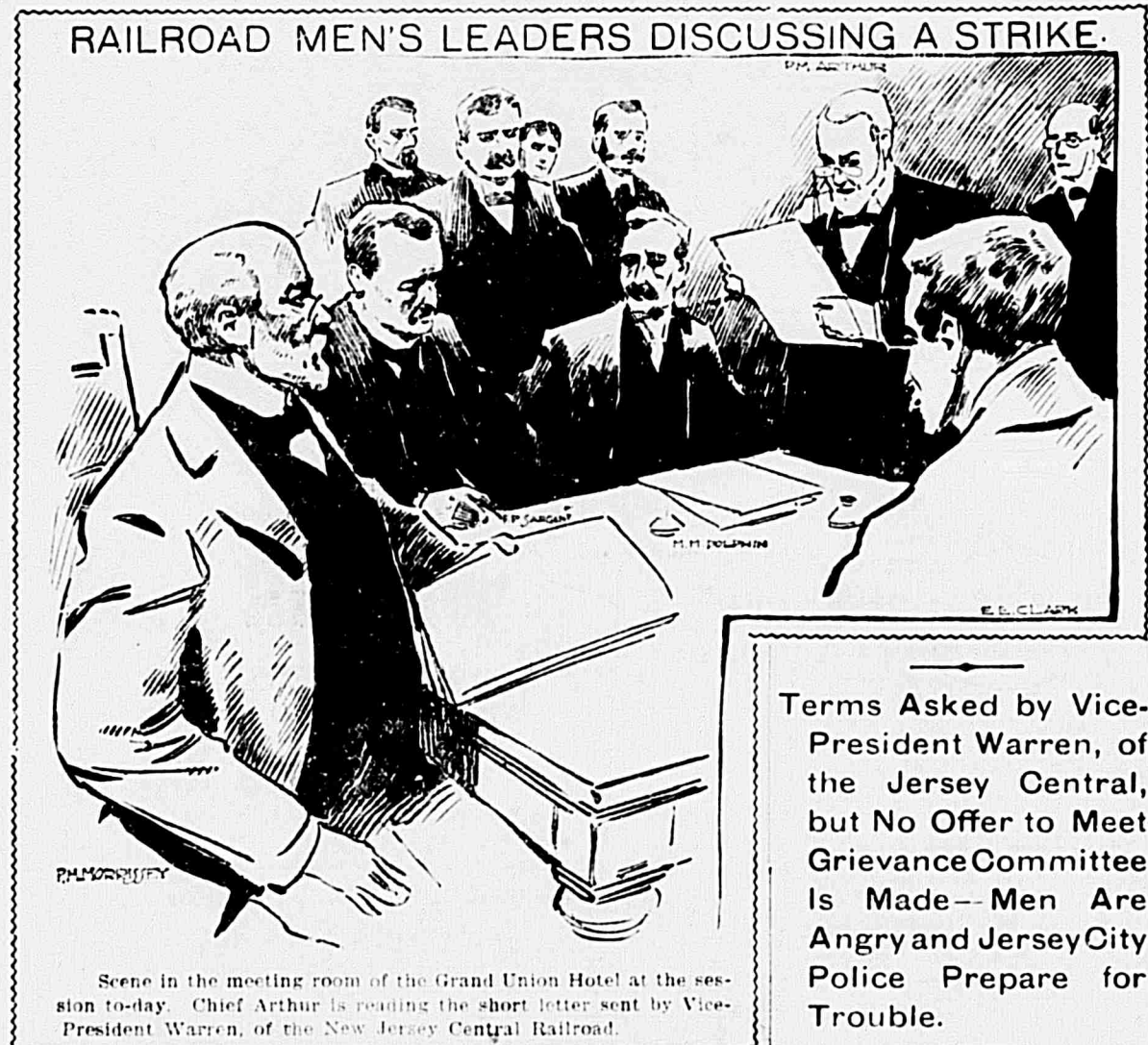


# “Chapman Talked Too Much” TENDERLOIN FOR FLOOD!

## RAILROAD REPLIES, BUT STRIKE IS FEARED.

RAILROAD MEN'S LEADERS DISCUSSING A STRIKE.



Scene in the meeting room of the Grand Union Hotel at the session to-day. Chief Arthur is reading the short letter sent by Vice-President Warren, of the New Jersey Central Railroad.

Vice-President Warren, of the New Jersey Central Railroad, has written the Grievance Committee of his employees and the "Big Five" of the national railroad men's organizations, who are in secret session at the Grand Union Hotel to-day, pending conditions under which they will accept a strike. An hour was spent debating it and formulating the reply.

At the offices of the New Jersey Central the following letter was given out as a copy of the one sent to Chief Arthur and the other members of the Grand Union Hotel.

March 5, 1901.

Your statement that our engineers and firemen have made no reply to the company's proposition of Dec. 2 last is correct. If further information is desired by the engineers and firemen to enable them to reach an intelligent conclusion, the company's officers have been, and are ready at any time, to aid them in their efforts to do so.

Does it not seem to you only right and fair to expect that our engineers and firemen should advise the officers of their final decision on these propositions? Yours truly,

CHARLES H. WARREN,  
Vice-President.

It is said at the Grand Union Hotel that the hitch in the matter of an amicable settlement of the differences between the New Jersey Central and its employees is due to the company's unwillingness to have it appear that it backed down under the dictation of the "Big Five." The men in conference at the hotel let drop hints that Vice-President Warren's letter was simply directed to eliminating the feature of union recognition from the negotiations.

The reply sent to Mr. Warren's letter was a request that he receive the committee of his workmen and the chiefs of the five national railway organizations in conference. The railway men are hopeful.

One of the engineers explained that the terms referred to in Mr. Warren's letter contained a proposition to increase the pay of the company's regular engineers to \$3.50 a day, but the wages of the "drill" engineers, of whom there are 90 per cent. on the road, were cut down 40 per cent.

It was 10 o'clock when the joint committee of the various organizations of labor of the New Jersey Central and the chief executive officers of the national organizations went into executive session.

The room in which the executive session is being held was today guarded, and so were the hallways, in order that no one could learn the nature of the deliberations or that any interloper should be present in the guise of a representative from any local organization of the road.

No outsider admitted.

No one was admitted who was not known and positively identified. These precautions when contrasted with the lack of safeguards displayed yesterday gave rise to many reports of a coming strike.

None of the members of the "Big Five" of the national organizations, would discuss the situation. The reticence of the "Big Five" and the reticence of the members of the joint committee of the organizations of the New Jersey Central gave rise to the report that some vigorous action would be taken.

As the session proceeded it was reported that a strike was likely. To confirm this report it was pointed out that an executive session of such a character as is being held today always preceded great strikes such as the strike on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, the Missouri Pacific and others.

Police Ready for Strike.

General Supt. Olmstead and several other officials of the Jersey Central came here to consult with the heads of the company to-day. Among the employees of Jersey City the impression prevailed that a crisis would be reached to-day.

Chief of Police Murphy is ready for all emergencies. As soon as a strike is ordered a whole regiment of police will be sent to the railroad yards to maintain order. If necessary deputies will be sworn in.

Terms Asked by Vice-President Warren, of the Jersey Central, but No Offer to Meet Grievance Committee Is Made—Men Are Angry and Jersey City Police Prepare for Trouble.

**LIGHTER'S MATE HURT.**  
Collision in the Harbor Has Serious Result for Osborne.

In a collision off Liberty Island at 11 A. M. between the lighter Simpson and steamship Bonnie Benton, Louis Osborne, forty-seven years old, mate of the lighter, was thrown heavily to the deck and had his leg fractured.

Neither of the boats was injured.

**Short Line to Chicago and St. Louis.**  
The Pennsylvania Railroad is the connecting link between New York and the commercial centers of the West. Fast train services, unimpeded facilities.

**Paterson Men Saved from Bloodshed by a Policeman.**  
Frederick Wirtz and Joseph Clements quarrelled this morning about a girl, Nellie Jessup, in the Paterson, N. J., Reed and Harpess Works. Later, when Clements left the shop, he saw Wirtz standing in an alley near the mill with a loaded revolver in his hand.

"I'll kill you!" cried Wirtz. Seeing Officer Hark, driver of a patrol wagon, Clements called to him for help. Wirtz made for his opponent, when Hark stepped forward and after a hard struggle obtained the gun and ordered him to stop. Wirtz was committed to the county jail, and a charge of attempted murder.

**Sound Steamboat Will Be Running Again in About Ten Days.**  
A telegram was received to-day by Capt. Nickerson, local superintendent of floating transportation for the New York, New Haven and Hartford line, announcing that the company's two screw steamboat Chester W. Chapin was floated this morning.

The Chapin, built for the Baltimore and Annapolis line, was damaged by the fire last Wednesday night. She was running in about a week.

**Bulgarian Ex-Premier Dead.**  
SOFIA, Bulgaria, April 6.—Ex-Premier Soloff is dead, after a short illness.

## ANOTHER SMALL BOY MISSING— EDWARD GARRISON HIS NAME

Edward Garrison is a fair-haired boy of thirteen the son of G. T. Garrison, has been missing from his home, 181 East Eighth avenue since April 1. This afternoon his disappearance was reported to the police of the West End by Twenty-fifth street station, and the aid of the Police Department asked in locating the missing boy. The boy is a slender four feet in height, quite slender, and has a fair complexion with blue eyes. His hair is light in color, grows very long and is very curly. When last seen he wore a gray, full, gray overcoat and black-laced shoes.

**RESULTS AT BENNING.**  
Fifth Race—Dead heat between Speedmas and Belgrade.  
Charley Moore 2.  
Sixth—Sidney, Freds 1. Alsike 2. Lexington 3. P. J. 4.

**RAILROAD MEN ADJOURN.**  
The executive session of the railroad men adjourned at the Grand Union Hotel at 4 o'clock this morning. The committee of the Jersey Central went to their homes. The "Big Five" of executive chiefs of the national organizations stayed in the city.

## MURDER IN PICTURE THEFT

### Woman's Life Was Sacrificed by Gang Which Stole Famous Gainsborough Portrait and Feared Betrayal at Her Hands.

One of the most amazing stories ever chronicled in the annals of crime—a story that overshadows in mystery the plot woven by a Doyle or a Dumas—was revealed to-day by Robert Pinkerton when he told, to an Evening World reporter the details of the theft of the famous Gainsborough painting of the Duchess of Devonshire. In the plot which the detective unraveled through thread, murder, forgery, robbery and burglary were involved. A woman lost her life because of the crime. She was the wife of one of the men who stole the much-prized picture. The tracing of the painting and its ultimate recovery read more like a chapter in fiction than the facts and figures from the diary of a detective.

Robert Pinkerton, Superintendent of the Pinkerton Agency in this city, told The Evening World many of the details leading up to the robbery of the famous painting. It is a story of murder, robbery, forgery and burglary, culminating in the theft of the picture.

"There's nothing like it in fiction," Mr. Pinkerton said, "and I was not familiar with the facts I would scarcely believe it myself."

The portrait, it will be remembered, was stolen May 16, 1876, by one of a gang of American crooks who, after fleeing all countries of Europe, came to grief in London. One of their number had been arrested in France, and money was needed to get him out of prison.

For this purpose the painting was stolen, but only after a woman, the wife of the leader of the gang, who it was thought would tell the police of the plot to steal the picture, was killed.

She was found dead in a room, her mouth was found before the actual theft.

**CHARLES BECKER,**  
alias "The Dutchman."

**COLOS SUSHOVITCH,**  
alias John Howe.



CAPT. FLOOD.

## SEAL HUNTERS IN SAD PLIGHT.

### Hope's Crew of 208 Shipwrecked and Almost Frozen.

(Special to The Evening World.)  
ST. JOHN'S, N. F., April 5.—A steamer will be despatched this evening to bring home the crew of the sealing steamer Hope, now helpless on Bryon Island, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

The Hope was lost Sunday on Bryon Island by an ice-ber in which she was frozen.

The vessel was carried over a rocky shoal and great holes torn in the hull. She tilted rapidly and settled on the shoal.

The crew of 208 men had narrow escapes. After hurrying from the vessel they made their way ashore on floating pieces of ice.

They were six days exposed to the elements and on short rations, and when rescued yesterday by another sealer, the Panther, they were in a sorry plight.

For two days the men had scarcely anything to eat and had little protection on the barren shore. The third day they reached the vessel and managed to get a supply of food and their clothes saved.

The ships sails were taken ashore and made into rafts. With a quantity of coal also obtained from the Hope they contrived to keep half alive until the Panther took them aboard.

Several were frost-bitten and others bruised from their trips across the ice.

All were landed here.

On board the Hope are 5,000 seals.

The Hope has had a remarkable career. She was built by Capt. Gray, a Peterhead whaling master, and made many Arctic trips. She reached the expedition of Mr. B. Leish Smith in his yacht Elra, went on three cruises, with Lieut. Peary and brought back the Cape York meteorite, the largest in the world and now in New York.

## Seven Captains Shifted About by Commissioner Murphy—Chapman Dumfounded—Flood's Police Record a Good One.

**THE CAPTAINS SHIFTED.**  
CHAPMAN, GEORGE—From Tenderloin station to Highbridge. Reason: "He talked too much."  
FLOOD, JOHN F.—From East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street to Tenderloin station.  
DEAN, WILLIAM—From East Twenty-second street to East Eighty-eighth street station.  
WALSH, EDWARD—From Elizabeth street to East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street station.  
GANNON, JAMES—From Highbridge to East Twenty-second street station.  
WENDEL, CHARLES—From Police Headquarters to Elizabeth street station.  
FRIES, HENRY—From East Eighty-eighth street to Police Headquarters.

The conclusion that this shake-up of the Police Department takes full effect tomorrow at 8 A. M.

It was announced late this afternoon by Col. Murphy.

Col. Murphy said to an Evening World reporter:

"I have had many complaints of Chapman's conduct of the Tenderloin Precinct."

"He talked too much for one thing. I lectured him repeatedly, but did not find that the things I called his attention to were remedied."

"So I have decided to put Capt. Flood in his place."

"I shall continue to make transfers as long as the service demands it."

"Every one of the men affected has been recently summoned to my office and has heard from me."

"I'm Happy"—Chapman.

An Evening World reporter was the first to inform Mr. Murphy's famous "drummer boy" that he had been transferred. No news of it had reached him from headquarters when the reporter spoke to him.

"You have been transferred, Captain," "What?" he exclaimed in great astonishment.

The statement was repeated.

"Where do I go?" he asked at length. "To Highbridge."

"Who succeeds me?" "Capt. Flood."

The captain was silent for several moments, when, suddenly throwing his hands above his head, he exclaimed: "I'm happy! I'm happy!" and walked away.

**Flood's Career.**  
Capt. Flood has been on the police force fifteen years. He is a college graduate and at one time was a school teacher. Since he has been connected with the department he has studied law and is a graduate of the New York Law School. He was admitted to the bar and is a full-fledged attorney.

During the time of Byrne's feud with doing patrol duty, Byrne was seated at stenographer and Flood was sent to Headquarters. They proved to be so useful that he was kept there ever since, until he was recently appointed to a captaincy. He was kept in the detectives' room and obtained a wonderful grasp of the department. All the details of the department were mastered by Flood, and it is said that he is the best posted man to-day on police affairs.

**Is a Smasher.**  
He was retained at Police Headquarters when Connelley was made Chief, and he also served there under McCullagh and Devery.

Capt. Flood is a great friend of Park Commissioner Mooney, of the Bronx, and has other influential political friends. He is about forty years old, is married and has several children.

It was Capt. Flood who shortly after he had been made captain of the East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Street Police Station, took Magistrate Crane's advice and smashed the doors to No. 181 Park avenue and arrested eleven men charged with gambling.

## BOILER BURSTS; TWO KILLED.

## RUSSIANS ROUT CHINESE IN FIGHT

### Four Other Men Injured in Buffalo Factory Explosion.

### Czar's Force Loses Men and Mongolians Have Many Killed.

**BUFFALO, April 6.**—A boiler explosion occurred this afternoon at the plant of the Montgomery Door & Box Company at Court and Wilkeson streets.

Tony Lapetina, and an Italian name not known, were killed. Four other men were injured.

**BERLIN, April 6.**—A despatch to the Cologne Gazette from St. Petersburg says that fighting is said to have occurred between the First, Second and Third East Siberian Rifle Regiments and several thousands of Chinese troops, between Khabarovsk and Sin-Min-Ting.

The Russians lost a captain and several other officers, and many men were wounded. The Chinese lost heavily and retreated, with the Russians pursuing them.

The date of the engagement is not mentioned in the despatch received.

The scene of the fighting was on the Manchurian frontier.

The engagement was evidently another of the conflicts that have occurred between the two forces in that territory.

**Get in Line for Easter.**  
It's about what and where you should buy your Easter suit. Black is the thing for Easter, or for any other time—always dressy, never out of place. You can get a suit of double-breasted, knee-length, coat and vest for \$3.99 and pants to match for \$1.99. An important diagonal coat and vest for \$3.99 and pants to match for \$1.99. If you prefer a striped, waisted pants for the same price. These extraordinary special offers are only at the Corner Clothing Co., 100 West and Twenty-seventh street. Every suit in their store this week will receive free as an Easter souvenir a pair of fine, light-colored, plain of water proof in all sizes.